MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Government are aware that there is scarcity of drinking water in the said villages?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That does not arise from the answer given.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the Government whether the people of the said villages have started a no-tax campaign for not extending this canal?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): This too does not arise from the answer given to the interpellation.

Opening of a dispensary at Kottappadi.

168. MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any application praying for the establishment of a dispensary at Kottappadi in the Muvattupuzha taluk;

(*b*) if so, whether any action was taken on that application;

(*c*) whether a dispensary started at Kuruppampadi has been abolished;

(*d*) the distance from Kottappadi to (i) Kuruppampadi, and (ii) Perumpavur dispensary;

(*e*) the daily average number of out-patients who attend the Perumbavur dispensary; and

(*f*) Whether a dispensary at Kottappadi will reduce the number of out patients who attend the Perumbavur dispensary?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The distance from Kottappdi to Kuruppampadi is $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles and from Kottappadi to Perumbavur dispensary $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

(*e*) 257·47 for 1106.

(*f*) Not likely, if it is only an evening dispensary.

Silting up of the Manakudi lake.

169. MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Manakudi lake near Tamaracolam is being gradually silted up and that its bed-level is gradually raising;

(*b*) whether there was any proposal before the Government to prevent the silting up of the lake by periodical clearance of the silt,

(*c*) whether they have taken any action in the matter; and

(*d*) if not, whether the Government will examine the question?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Silt coming down the Pazhayar is being deposited above and below the bottle neck and some shoaling is observed there, but no observations have been made to see whether the bed of the lake below is actually rising.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) and (*d*) An estimate for removing the silt at the bottle neck portion of the Pazhayar has been sanctioned by the Government, the member is going out of the way. This does not form part of his question

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